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Dear Advisory Committee Member:

Subject: Advisory Committee Meeting to Amend § 4954, Hydraulic Cranes & Excavators

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend the Section 4954 advisory committee meeting of the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) in Sacramento, California, on February 27, 2008. The advisory committee will address the hazards of being struck by or caught between hydraulic cranes and excavators and other objects at the work site. The proposal to amend Section 4954 came as a result of numerous fatalities and countless injuries, where individuals were struck or crushed during crane or excavator operations (See attached NIOSH-CDC Workplace Solutions).

A one-day advisory committee meeting has been scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Room 410, SCIF Conference Room
2450 Venture Oaks Way
Sacramento, CA 95833

Attached for your information are:

- 1) Meeting agenda
- 2) Advisory Committee membership roster
- 3) Proposed regulatory text
- 4) NIOSH, CDC WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS; Preventing Injuries When Working with Hydraulic Excavators and Backhoe Loaders
- 5) Area maps showing the location for the meeting

If you are unable to attend the meeting, we encourage you to send an alternate or provide written comments by February 20, 2008. Your written comments will be considered during the advisory committee meeting.

Your assistance in this rulemaking process is most appreciated by the Board and staff. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (916) 274-5723, or by e-mail at hboersma@dir.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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